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Hi Cassandra,

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Regarding Cribs for All: Through the Positive Alternatives grant program we currently supply cribs statewide through Cradle of Hope. Many of our other Positive Alternatives grantees also distribute cribs to the families they serve in local programs across the state as apparently so does March of Dimes. Clearly, the current distribution is decentralized. Therefore, it is hard to say if funding is sufficient to meet the need. We're working with Cradle of Hope to set up a just-in-time inventory arrangement with hospitals across the state as part of promoting Hospital Safe Sleep Certification so every infant is sent home with a place to sleep safely. If successful, that should address the vast majority of the need, though there will still be circumstances in which families need cribs after delivery the baby, as living arrangements change, etc. During the 2012-2016, Positive Alternatives grantees collectively distributed 5,325 cribs. Since then, our funding to Cradle of Hope to distribute cribs has increased, and so far, we believe they've been able to meet the demand, though demand may increase with our Hospital Safe Sleep Certification work and as knowledge about availability from Cradle of Hope grows.

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